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RICHMOND FROM BENSON

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ALVIN TOFFLER

REF: A. STATE 088855, B. MOSCOW 0987, C. STATE 072583,  
D. 75 STATE 298124, E. MOSCOW 4398

1. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOFFLER,  
BUT WISHES RAISE OBJECTION IN STRONGEST TERMS TO WAY  
THIS GRANT HAS BEEN HANDLED.

2. ON JANUARY 22 IN MOSCOW 0987 WE TURNED DOWN TOFFLER  
PROGRAM BECAUSE WE WERE WORKING ON SPEAKERS AT  
PROPOSED TIME IN ARMS CONTROL, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, AND  
CURRENT ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (STANLEY  
HOFFMAN). IN ADDITION WE HAVE TWO CU CULTURAL  
PRESENTATIONS AT THAT TIME PLUS VARIOUS OTHER EVENTS.  
WE ARE STILL WAITING TO HEAR WHETHER AUTHOR JOHN  
GARDNER WILL COME IN JUNE. WHILE FUTURISM HOLDS SOME  
POPULAR AND SEMI-SCHOLARLY INTEREST, THE ABOVE  
PROGRAMS ALL ARE OF MUCH HIGHER PRIORITY, ACCORDING OUR COUNTRY  
PLAN.

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3. IN LATE MARCH WE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MARCH 9

RICHMOND-RICHARDSON WEEKLY REPORT WHICH SAID THAT TOFFLER WAS COMING TO THE SOVIET UNION ON A CU PROGRAM. WE ASKED ABOUT THIS IN MOSCOW 4398, REFERRING TO OUR EARLIER MESSAGE SAYING WE DID NOT WISH TO PROGRAM HIM.

4. WE RECEIVED STATE 072583 IN REPLY SAYING TOFFLER MOST ANXIOUS TO VISIT USSR AND WILLING TRAVEL "WITHOUT USG SPONSORSHIP IF EMBASSY COULD HELP WITH APPOINTMENTS," MESSAGE ALSO ADVISED US HE COULD COME HERE BETWEEN MAY 28 AND JUNE 15. POST AGREED TO FACILITATE ON THIS BASIS AND REQUESTED JUNE 7-15.

5. LATEST INCOMING (STATE 088855) NOW INFORMS US HE WILL COME AS FULL USG GRANTEE WITH TRAVEL AND PER DIEM PAID, THUS IMPLYING FULL SPONSORSHIP RATHER THAN FACILITATION OF PRIVATE VISITOR, WHICH WE DO FREQUENTLY. DATES ARE ALSO NOT THOSE WE REQUESTED.

6. SEQUENCE SUGGESTS ADVANCE COMMITMENT OF POST RESOURCES MADE TO TOFFLER WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF OUR SCHEDULE OR PRIORITIES.

7. EMBASSY WILL NEVERTHELESS ATTEMPT ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AND LECTURES, THOUGH WE CANNOT PROGRAM AND ACCOMPANY TOFFLER FULL-TIME, ESPECIALLY OUTSIDE MOSCOW, IN AN ELABORATE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WITH PLANT MANAGERS, WORKERS, PLANNERS, ETC., AS SUGGESTED IN STATE 072593. STATE 298124 IMPLIES TOFFLER DESIRES CONDUCT HIS OWN "RESEARCH" AS WELL AS GIVE TALKS, RELYING ON INSTITUTE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS FOR MANY OF HIS CONTACTS. THIS MAY WORK, BUT IF INSTITUTE NOT ABLE ARRANGE REQUESTED TRIP TO SIBERIA, TOFFLER ESSENTIALLY WILL HAVE TO RELY ON INTOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

8. REQUEST MORE DETAILED LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH TOFFLER PREPARED TO SPEAK AT INSTITUTES, UNIVERSITIES. EMBASSY WILL INFORM INSTITUTE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. TOFFLER SHOULD ARRIVE JUNE 1.

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